

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of this application is requested in view of the enclosed submission and the discussion below.

Claims 1 (presumably 13), 14, 17, 20-22 and 25 are rejected as anticipated under 35 USC 102 by Iharashi et al (US 6,070,462). Applicants traverse this rejection on the grounds that the present application is a continuation of ser. no. 08/900,517 filed July 25, 1997 which became US 6,070,462. Accordingly this patent "464 is not available as prior art under 35 USC 102.

Claims 13-38 are rejected under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-20 of US 6,598,472. In response to this rejection Applicants are submitting herewith a terminal disclaimer in order to obviate this rejection.

Claims 13, 17, 21, and 25 have been amended to more properly recite that the housing is for "protecting said circuit in an inside thereof". No new matter is raised by this change which is supported by the originally filed specification.

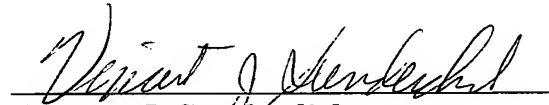
Therefore Applicants submit that this application is now in condition for allowance as each rejection has been addressed and obviated.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #056207.43640C5).

Respectfully submitted,

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